

Senate Resolution 102 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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1 A Resolution recognizing the month of April 2012 as
2 Genocide Awareness Month.

3 WHEREAS, the dawn of the 20th century was welcomed
4 as an age of science, an age of enlightenment, and an
5 age of prosperity and peace; and

6 WHEREAS, the 20th century also brought a century of
7 misery and death, including the Musa Dagh resistance in
8 1915 followed by the Armenian persecution, the Rape of
9 Nanking in 1937, the Holocaust of the 1930s and 1940s,
10 the killings in Cambodia in 1975, the massacres in
11 Bosnia in 1992, the slaughter in Rwanda in 1994, and
12 now in the 21st century the displacements and deaths in
13 Darfur; and

14 WHEREAS, all of these tragedies, separated by time
15 and distance, have one common thread, the murder of
16 men, women, and children, young and old alike, based
17 only on where they lived, what God they worshipped,
18 what language they spoke, or to what community they
19 belonged; and

20 WHEREAS, this phenomenon of organized mass murder
21 was given a unique name, genocide, in the last
22 century; and

23 WHEREAS, in the last 100 years genocide has
24 brought death and destruction to tens of millions of
25 people; and

26 WHEREAS, in the dawn of the 21st century the world
27 community must dedicate itself to the task of ending
28 genocide and creating the age of prosperity and peace

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1 that was dreamed of over a century ago; NOW THEREFORE,
2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
3 recognizes the month of April 2012 as Genocide
4 Awareness Month and urges Iowa's schools, universities,
5 and civic organizations to raise public awareness
6 of the history and horror of genocide and encourages
7 public debate on how genocide may be eliminated.